



**House Bill No. 5123**

**Public Act No. 12-20**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF ANIMALS SEIZED IN ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 22-329a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

(i) If the court vests ownership of the animal in the Commissioner of Agriculture or a municipality, the commissioner or the municipality may conduct or participate in a public auction of the animal under such conditions the commissioner or the municipality deems necessary or the commissioner or the municipality may consign the animal to an auction or sell the animal through an open advertised bid process whereby bid price and demonstration of sufficient knowledge and ability to care for such animal are factors for the commissioner's or municipality's consideration. All moneys collected from the sale of animals sold by the Commissioner of Agriculture through such open advertised bid process shall be deposited in the "animal abuse cost recovery account" established in subsection (j) of this section. All moneys collected from the sale of animals sold by a municipality through such open advertised bid process shall be deposited by the town treasurer or other fiscal officer in the town's general fund. [In a

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case where rehabilitative or special care of such animal is required, the] The commissioner or the municipality may also vest ownership of any such animal in an individual or a public or private nonprofit animal rescue or adoption organization. [which annually places ten or more animals in private homes as pets.]

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